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To: Honorable Members of the House Regulatory Reform Committee

From: Charlie Owens, State Director

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RE: Senate Bills 1335, 1336 and House Bills 5917, HB 5922 - MIOSHA Regulatory Reform

We are writing to urge your support for Senate Bills 1335, 1336 and House Bills 5917, HB 5922 that would improve the regulatory environment for Michigan job providers by amending the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act (MIOSHA) to establish a clear and convincing need standard and procedure when processing a rule that exceeds Federal standards.

The Senate legislation would also eliminate the Occupational Health Standards Commission and the House bills would eliminate the two other MIOSHA commissions the Construction Safety Standards Commission and the General Industry Safety Standards Commission.

In the past these commissions have served as an avenue for organized labor and other advocates to pursue regulatory policies that they were unsuccessful in implementing by going through the legislative process. As a result, they have created a shadow legislature of unelected bureaucrats that allow them to impose job killing regulations via the rules process.

As we move forward on the important mission of creating more and better jobs for the citizens of Michigan, we must consider the impact of our regulatory policy on the overall business climate for our state. Eliminating these worthless commissions is an important step in that process.

Research conducted by both NFIB and the Small Business Administration, concludes that small businesses continue to bear a disproportionate share of the cost of complying with regulations than their larger counterparts.

These bills will do much to move Michigan's business climate forward and position our state competitively for many years to come.

Thank you for your support of Michigan job providers and taxpayers.